

The Buttonwoods
Near New Castle, Delaware

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THE BUTTONWOODS (MANSION HOUSE)
New Castle, New Castle County, Delaware

Owner: Lukens Steel Company, Coatesville, Pa.

Date of Erection: Mansion House about 1831

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: Basement almost on ground level. First story and second story in Gambrel roof.

Materials of Construction: Brick. Chimneys stuccoed over brick frame. Porch towards river, ten steps above ground.

Other Existing Records: New Castle on the Delaware. Offices of Recorder of Deeds and Register of Wills of New Castle County.

Additional Data: The Buttonwoods was at a very early date occupied, and a small dwelling erected probably during the latter part of the 17th Century or early part of the 18th. Several additions were made to this as shown in the photographs, dates being uncertain. After the erection of the mansion house, this was used as a tenant house and occupied by the farmer. The barn is an excellent example of the Delaware Barn at its best, erected about 1831, with substantial stone foundations and brick superstructure, shingle roofs and built during the Renaissance of Delaware farming. The four chimney stacks on the mansion house and the similar stuccoed chimney on the tenant house are identical to those built by James Rogers in 1843, and probably added at about that date. The outside toilet house is given as an example of the old time methods and structure. It is of brick with a pyramidal shingled roof, plastered and whitewashed inside, and divided by a partition into two apartments, one for the family, the other for servants.

Laureat R. Rogers

Approved

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